Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Do the Government know that this is the 21st time that they have admitted the desirability of the road and that funds will be provided for this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Superintendent—Central Jail.

63. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the officers who held the post of the Superintendent of Jail for the last 30 years and the qualifications of each of them and the posts they were holding before appointment as Superintendent ;

2. (a) why Mr. Ganapathy Ayyar was not given the post of the Superintendent in the recent vacancy ;

(b) and what are the reasons to prefer Mr. A. T. Thomas;

3. how many years of service have each of them put in and what was the pay and grade of the appointment of each of them when Mr. A. T. Thomas was made the Superintendent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

	Names.	*Qualifications.*	*Post held before appointment as Superintendent.*
1.	Mr. Robinson	Not known	British Officer
2.	,, K. T. Thomas	B. A.	Inspector of Police
3.	,, Marshall	Not known	British Jail Officer
4.	,, A. C. Augustus	F. A Coimbatore trained	Headquarter Inspector of Police
5.	,, M. B. Laboucha-diere	Matric	Clerk, Huzur Office P. W. D. and Jailor
6.	,, A. R. Mannadi Nayar	B. A. Vellore trained	Probationary Inspector of Police
7.	,, A. T. Thomas	B. A.	Senior Inspector of Police

2. (a) Because the record of Mr. Ganapathy Ayyar's past service showed that he is not fit for selection to hold a post in which he will not be under the immediate supervision of a superior. He has not also the requisite educational qualification for holding the post of the Jail Superintendent.

(b) Because it was thought that some encouragement should be given to the Police Inspectors. Being the seniormost of the Police Inspectors Mr. A. T. Thomas, who had also the necessary higher educational qualification, was chosen.

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3. Mr. Ganapathy Ayyar, 30 years, Rs. 110 in the grade 100—125.

Mr. A. T. Thomas, 24 years; Rs. 100 in the grade Rs. 80 to 100.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what are the requisite educational qualifications for holding the post of the Jail Superintendent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Besides the ordinary qualifications required for any responsible post, it has been decided about two or three years back that he might also be a graduate.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This was decided only three years back?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—2 (b). Is it the policy of the Government to discourage some to encourage others?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no question of discouraging anybody here.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—May I know whether Mr. Ganapathy Ayyar was in the Jail Service for the last 20 years—I mean in the Jail Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think he has been there for such a long time. He has been there for a pretty long time.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—What was exactly his work in the Central Jail?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was the Assistant Superintendent, the post he is holding now. He is known as the Jailor.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were previous jailors promoted at any time to the post of the Superintendent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—What was the particular necessity to deviate from the usual practice in this particular case?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because of the previous conduct of the officer concerned.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any proceedings laying down the minimum qualifications of the Jail Superintendent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know on what occasion was it laid down?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't remember exactly the occasion. It was about three years back.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the nature of the past conduct which disentitled this officer from getting this promotion?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was once dismissed from service by the Conservator of Forests under whom he was serving and then reinstated after eighteen months' suspension. Later on in the same Department he was given a black mark or some serious warning for being negligent in his duty and allowing a clerk under him to misappropriate Sirkar money. After he came to the Central Jail he made some wrong entries in the books and ordered a convict to be retained there for more than the convicted time.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know why such a gentleman is kept in the service now,—whether it is safe to continue the gentleman in service who made wrong entries in the books, allowed his clerk to misappropriate money, etc., etc?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no objection to continue him in service provided there is somebody else to supervise his work.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know when his dismissal was?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was in 1085.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was he sent to jail as a punishment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was transferred to the jail.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was he given any punishment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was given a blackmark; he was under suspension for 18 months, etc.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Leaving the period of 1085, are there anything against him?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The first punishment was in 1085, the second was in 1097 and the third was rather recent in 1921 or 1922.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was he given any increment or promotion after these punishments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know when he began to draw his present pay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Most probably with the revision. I am not sure. I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was he punished for making wrong entries in the book?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What was the nature of the punishment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A warning or something like that.

Training in Traffic duty.

64. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any Head constable of the Police Department was deputed outside the State during the current year for training in Traffic duty ;

(b) whether the constables now doing traffic duty are men qualified for the same ;

(c) whether there is any necessity for maintaining a Traffic Department apart from the regular investigating department?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No qualifications are prescribed for the post of traffic duty constables. They are given necessary instructions by the officers and they are getting experience gradually.

(c) For the proper and effective control of the ever increasing motor traffic, it is necessary to maintain a separate traffic staff.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are the constables given any special training in traffic duty?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are there qualified men to give special training in traffic duty in the State now?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not exactly understand the question. In the matter of these duties there is always a corps of standardised signals regulating the traffic. Almost all these Inspectors know that and they teach them and give special training.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were they sent for any practical training outside the State?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, Sir.

Invitation—Durbar.

65. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table:—

(a) a caste-war statement of the invitees to the Durbar held in connection with the Installation of His Highness the Maharaja ;

(b) with the list of the names of the European gentlemen with their occupations, invited for the same ?

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